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(Photo by Don Bernard)

Stand up to salute our flag!

Maybe soon Niagara College students will have a symbol of their own to look up to. Niagara's very own flag, which is to represent the college at a conference in Toronto, has a good chance to fly here on campus.

"It is our flag with our logo on it," Ken Cosgrove, the flag's creator and fine arts teacher, said. "I hope they fly it at the college."

The flag, three feet by seven, is dominated by blue. It proudly displays Niagara College's logo on the left and Niagara is majestically printed on the right.

Mr. Cosgrove said it took 1 1/2 weeks to complete but many weeks of planning. The project began at the request of Jacqueline Robarts, college president.

Mr. Cosgrove teaches lettering, design and painting along with other aspects of art. His classes in Hennepin Hall, he said, are to prepare students for admission to the Ontario College of Arts.

Though Mr. Cosgrove did all the drawing, cutting and design he said two of this students, Jason Potyok and Chris Myers, also had to be given credit for the flag.

Jason said they worked on it day and night in the last week and it was a "strict and disciplined job."

The flag, Mr. Cosgrove said, will go to the annual conference of representatives from community colleges of Ontario. It will be held Feb. 15 and 16.

'Reluctant' Board passes new policy

by CAROL ALAIMO
Staff Writer

Niagara College has broken with traditional enrolment policy and will allow increased enrolment for the next two years despite limited job expectations for graduates.

The change will put even more graduates into the already-saturated job market, and is "a reluctant decision we have not liked making," Jacqueline Robarts, college president, told the News.

The new policy was made public at the Jan. 26 Board of Governors' meeting after the minutes of a Dec. 8 committee meeting were tabled without discussion as part of a package of correspondence.

Miss Robarts said after the meeting that Niagara is in a race for funding with 22 other Ontario community colleges who have thrown open their doors to get larger shares of provincial education dollars. The ministry of colleges and universities provides money for college programs on the basis of per capita enrolment.

SPIRAL UPWARDS

She said college enrolment levels have traditionally been linked with job placement expectations, and said Seneca College was the first to break tradition, causing the upward spiral other colleges have had to join to keep financially afloat.

Seneca adopted a policy of accepting anyone who met the minimum requirements and "as soon as they did that, they got more money."

She likened provincial education funding to a large pie cut into pieces for each college. "When one school gets a bigger piece, it means less for everyone else."

Other colleges then have no choice but to follow suit, "or they risk losing the funding for the programs they already have."

THREATENS SYSTEM

Admitting the policy change is a "Band-Aid" solution to a larger problem, Miss Robarts said the entire community college structure could be threatened if the province doesn't find long-term solutions.

"Small or remote colleges could be squeezed out of the system eventually," she said.

"We are expressing our concerns even now to the ministry, and we will get louder in our expressions if the situation doesn't get better."

"The funding mechanism has to change so we don't get into these dog-eat-dog situations. Quality will go out the door if there are not enough resources."

She said the board studied other options before deciding to increase enrolment, including a proposal to start new programs and a proposal to maintain present programs without additional monies.

MAYBE NOT BEST

The board's report concluded that its new policy "may not be the best thing to do" in terms of the job market situation, but said "an education that will eventually assist students in obtaining employment is better than no education at all."

The new policy will be re-examined in two years and its effectiveness will be studied.

Miss Robarts said the change "will probably add only about 100 students," but added, "It's too early to guess at September figures."

The enrolment situation may partially correct itself if government projections are correct, Miss Robarts said.

The ministry is forecasting a 27 per cent decrease in the number of high school graduates in 1986, and that, coupled with expected economic recovery, may improve job placement statistics.

Last year, Niagara College showed one of the poorest per capita growth rates of any Ontario community college. Its enrolment increased only 2.9 per cent, compared to the 7.9 per cent provincial average.

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A 10-week course is aimed at getting women out of "job ghettos." See Page 3

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Duncan McIntosh, a Shaw Festival veteran, is guest director for the Theatre Centre's next production, the remarkable play Equus. See Entertainment, Page 9.

Marine Emergency

Sailors learn how to handle on-deck emergencies in a special training program. See dramatic photographs on Spotlight, Page 6.

Third win

The Hockey Knights scalped the St. Bonaventure Indians for their third consecutive victory. See Sports, Page 15.

Rainbow Centre

SAC sponsors movies

Students at the Rainbow Centre in Niagara Falls will soon be able to view movies during their lunch hours as the Student Adminsitrative Council (SAC) plans to rent a video machine for their use.

John Nagy, SAC vice-president of finance, said the students at the centre need the machine because they have little entertainment there. "It's like a perpetual February over there;" things are really slow.

SAC opted in favor of renting rather than buying a machine because it will be "more economical in the long run." John said it would cost $489 to buy a machine while it would cost only $23 a month to rent one. The machine would be used only seven months out of the year and there would be no repair costs.

New enrolment policy to bring changes

By CAROL ALAIMO
Staff Writer

Niagara College deans, placement officials and financial aid officials are expecting changes after a board of governors' decision to allow increased enrolment regardless of job placement opportunities.

Gordon McPherson, a placement officer, says the new policy will create a burgeoning workload in his department and will make student job placement "a hell of a lot tougher than it already is, and it's pretty tough now."

He said the policy represents a "major shift in community college philosophy."

"In the past, programs were offered, developed and run to reflect the needs of the job market. Colleges were proud to be different and more practical than universities."

He said the contents and curriculum of some programs may have to be altered to include skills that could be used in more general areas of employment.

MORE LOANS

The new enrolment policy has also sparked concerns that increased demand for student loans, coupled with poor job prospects after graduation, could strain the federal-provincial student loan system if adopted as a long-term, province-wide policy.

Mary Ellen Joynt, financial aid officer, said a provincial committee has already been formed to study repayment approaches for those unable to find work after graduation.

Mrs. Joynt said the committee has not issued directives yet, "but as far as I know, there is nothing to indicate they will be putting limits on the numbers of student loans."

"There have been no suggestions that loans will not be given because there are not enough jobs to pay them back."

She said about 50 per cent of registered students are on student loans, and any increases in enrolment will be reflected in the percentage of loan requests.

The deans of three schools are studying proposals on which programs should be enlarged. Many programs already have ceilings set by the province, and other programs cannot be expanded due to physical space limitations.

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Advisers tell marketing students sell yourself, keep learning

Whether you possess a college diploma or a university degree, it is how an interviewee presents or sells himself to his prospective employer that lands him the job. This was the advice given by eight advisers to a class of marketing students.

"It's the presentation," Greg Saunders, manager of the Continental Bank in St. Catharines said Jan. 24, "no matter how much education you have."

Other advisers included: Gord MacPherson, Niagara College placement officer; Rob Lagerquist, a stockbroker for Davidson Partners in St. Catharines and Niagara College graduate; Ken Kadonaga, Atlas Steels, Sales; Wanda Stout, sales manager for Prudential Insurance of America; Vince Monteroni, area sales manager for Provincial Gas; John Hodgens, Welland manager for Provincial Gas and Margaret Mingle, counsellor for Career House.

Eight advisers told a group of marketing students how to get along in the business world in a seminar held at the college Jan. 24. The advisers are: from left, Gord McPherson, Greg Saunders, Rob Lagerquist, Ken Kadonaga, Wanda Stout, Vince Monteroni, John Hodgens, and Margaret Mingle. (Photo by Renata Dinnocenzo)

COLLEGE IS DIFFERENT

College is much different than university in that it provides you with "outside assignments, case scenarios," Mr. Lagerquist said.

Mr. Monteroni argued that university dealt with theory and basics. "I think you can apply it to just about anything."

The advisers strongly recommended to the first, second and third year students that they continue their education wherever possible.

"There's no law on this earth that says you can't take any night courses," Wanda Stout suggested. "It's a fast way to move up."

"Technology changes so fast," Mr. Hodgens said. "People have to be prepared in learning to keep up in the work force."

English teacher edits quarterly publication

Instructor Sue Lennard's literary talents extend far beyond correcting English 100 assignments.

She's an editorial assistant for the national magazine Canadian Author and Bookman.

The national publication has a 5,000 readership crossing all age and sex barriers, Mrs. Lennard said. "The people who read it are those who want to sell their writing."

SUE LENNARD

She first got involved with Canadian Author and Bookman one year ago when she heard a proof reader on staff was ill. "I figured I would be good at proof reading because I do enough of it in English 100," she said.

The magazine is produced and typeset locally, and former Niagara College graphics instructor Richard Organ works on production and art for each edition.

Recent articles in the quarterly publication include How a Bestseller Gets Written, When An Editor Does Not Pay — What You Can Do To Get Your Money, and Choosing The Right Writer's Publication.

The magazine lists potential markets for writers, much like its American counterpart, Writer's Digest, "but we're different because we address Canadian writers and Canadian markets," Mrs. Lennard said.

Niagara College has plenty of talent, even though some students "put on their grammar skills as they put on a pair of jeans," she said.

"Some students wear certain jeans to be part of the crowd, and it's the same with their speech and writing."

The Canadian Author and Bookman is sponsoring a Creative Writing Contest for the best fiction, non-fiction and poetry entries, she said.

Co-op ed placement successful

The Co-op Education programs have seen a lot more success this year than in previous years, Rosemary Cawthorn and Wilma Puttee, co-op counsellors, said.

Mrs. Cawthorn, who is responsible for the secretarial arts, bilingual secretary and retail management co-op programs, said all students in the bilingual secretary program have a job for their winter work term which runs from January to April. Ninety per cent of the students in the secretarial arts program have been placed.

Some students will not re-locate or do not have transportation. She hopes, however, that they will be placed soon.

These figures are much higher than last year's when secretarial arts had 60 per cent placement and the bilingual secretary program had 70 per cent.

No statistics were available for the retail management program, because the students will not go on a work term until May, she said.

In the tourism program, 90 per cent of the students have been placed for their winter work term which also runs January to April, Mrs. Puttee said. There is a possibility of later placement for the three remaining students.

"Job prospects (for Co-op) are looking very healthy," she said. Students who are willing to relocate are the easiest to place. Some tourism students are working in Toronto, Banff and Disney World. The rest are in the Niagara area.

Students who work out of town obtain "challenging and responsible positions in respect to their training," Mrs. Cawthorn said. Also, they can expect a slightly higher wage than someone working in this area, which helps to pay the expenses of re-location.

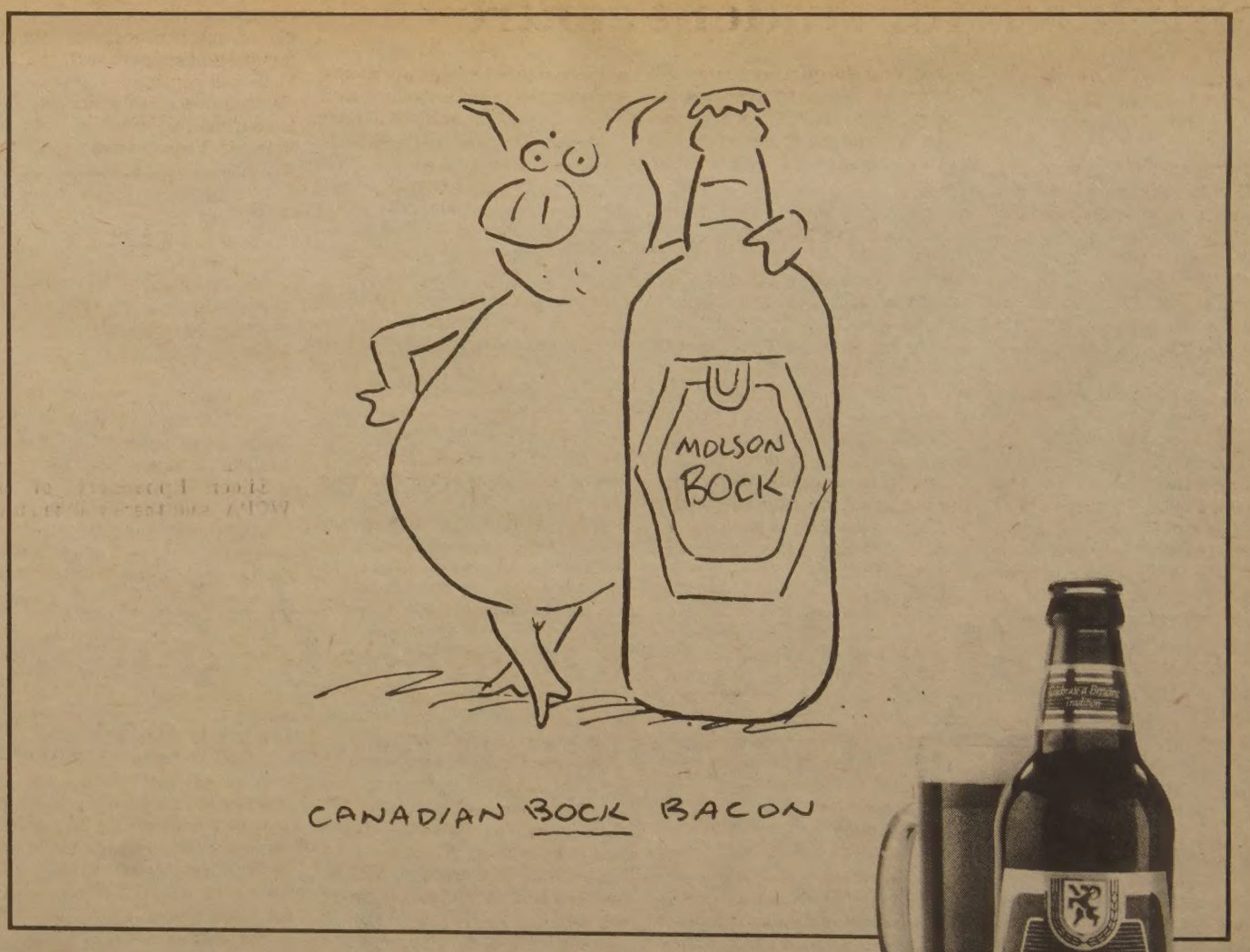
Seeking creative writers

A national magazine produced in Welland is seeking entries for its annual creative writing contest.

Niagara College English instructor Sue Lennard, editorial assistant of Canadian Author and Bookman magazine, said $100 prizes will be awarded for the best fiction, non-fiction and poetry entries.

In addition, a $500 scholarship is awarded to the writer displaying the most promise.

The contest deadline is Feb. 20, and entry forms are available in the magazine's current issue.



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No riders today

The Crystal Beach Amusement Park pier stands isolated and worn from the many years of use. Plans are underway to renovate the dock to return it to its former immaculate state.
(Photo by Pauline King)

2nd largest clinic, 310 give blood

Three hundred and 10 donors gave blood at this year's blood donor clinic Jan. 26 — a 30 per cent increase over last year.

It was the second largest clinic in the college's history, just a little short of the recorded 366 pints in 1978-79. This year's figure represents 9.22 per cent of the student population.

Students from the ambulance and emergency care program won the Corpsuckle Cup for the class with the highest percentage of donors. Thirty-seven of the 39 students gave blood, giving them a 92.3 donation rate.

In second place are law and security students with 37 per cent; the 52 students constituted one-sixth of the entire clinic.

THANKS SAC

Eugene Maltais, political science instructor and promoter of the Corpsuckle Cup, said the Red Cross is extremely pleased with the results and "personally, I think the Student Administrative Council and Maria DiFelice did a bang-up job in organizing the clinic."

Mr. Maltais said the gym is a better place to have the clinic than in front of the library, because it is more hygienic, there is less traffic, there is more room and the Red Cross can handle more donors.

'I hope it will be in the gym again next year."

Mr. Maltais said improvements next year will include even more stress on the need for a good breakfast and finding a way of using the first and last half hours of the clinic, perhaps by sending a program over early and keeping one program in reserve until later.

He wishes to thank the law and security students who "did a great deal in promoting the cup."

"We've come a long way from the days when the college had to ship in students from E.L. Crossley in order to make a full day's clinic."

Board adds members, elects new executive

The Niagara College Board of Governors voted in a new executive and welcomed five new members at its Jan. 26 meeting.

Former vice-chairman William R. Stanyer of Niagara Falls was elected to the chairmanship previously held by now-retired J.B. (Bud) McLaughlin of St. Catharines.

Mr. Stanyer told the board his new position "is a challenge I'm ready to accept."

"There have been a lot of changes at the college, but we've had an excellent rapport with the faculty and support staff that we hope will continue." he said.

Other new officers are Jules R. Letourneau of Welland, elected both as vice-chairman and executive committee chairman; Barbara Troup of Lincoln, academic affairs committee chairman; Alex N. Elliott of St. Catharines, finance, property and administrative affairs chairman; and W. James Fraser of St. Catharines, chariman of the staff and student affairs committee.

The five new board members beginning three-year terms are Hugh Cook, city administrator of St. Catharines; bank manger Betty Crockett of Welland; St. Catharines lawyer William Heelis; Port Colborne alderman Gary Hoyle; and Christel Haeck of St. Catharines, who represents the Canadian Union of Public Employees and the St. Catharines and District Labor Council.

SAC hands out questionnaires, wants ideas for student centre

By RUSS DUHAIME
and SUE KMITA
Staff Writers

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) plans to hand out questionnaires this week concerning the possibility of having a student centre built.

Ken Kormos, SAC vice-president, said 3,500 copies will be sent out to students, faculty and administration. He said SAC hopes to design a centre to accommodate students in the best possible way.

Once the questionnaires are completed, they can be dropped in the suggestion boxes in the Tecumseh Foyer, Hennepin Hall and in the cafeteria. Over every suggestion box, an example of the proposed building plans will be presented.

Ken said the questionnaires will either be given to teachers to distribute to students in the morning or may be included in the SAC paper which is to come out today.

Purpose

The purpose is to get a consensus of what the student centre should contain, Ken said, "It should be totally designed by the students." In addition, he said, it will spark interest and make the students aware of SAC's proposal.

"From this we can emphasize how important a student centre is through the students. We're hoping for input on why we need a student centre, how it would be used and if the students think it is a benefit."

The plans include a full-size gym, conference and study rooms, a print and storage room, new SAC offices and a student lounge.

Although the college administration suggested that SAC complete the centre in two phases, the idea was criticised by SAC members. The first phase, which could be completed in one year, would have only a very small student lounge. There was consensus that for the centre to make money, the lounge would have to be larger.

No decision was made whether to build the student centre in one or two phases and SAC will study the blueprints more thoroughly before accepting them the way they stand.

SAC plans to go before the Board of Governors with detailed plans of the student centre some time in March.

Wants ice sculptors

The Welland Canal Preservation Association (WCPA) is looking for two or three Niagara College students to enter an ice sculpturing contest.

The contest will be held on Feb. 25 at Rennie Park in Port Dalhousie. The event, "A Day in the Park," takes place all day.

Eileen Eppendorf, of the WCPA, said there will be an ice sculpturing contest between Niagara College and Brock University students. She said the winners will receive a small prize—most likely a dinner.

"A Day in the Park" is sponsored by the WCPA, CHSC and John LaRocque. Many activities will be held throughout the day and all events will be free. They will also include treasure hunts for children and hay rides. Hot dogs and hot apple cider will also be available.

Anyone interested in entering the ice sculpturing contest can contact Eileen Eppendorf at 227-2467 or Emerson Banks at 934-6884.

Project Access offers women technical training

By JANE STIRLING
Staff Writer

Getting women out of "job ghettos" and into less conventional technical fields is the aim of Project Access, a 10-week course at Niagara College's Welland Vale campus sponsored by the provincial government.

The second phase of Project Access, which began Jan. 23, is technical upgrading designed for women who have been out of the work force raising families or locked into waitressing "or the corner store routine," Harriet Davidson, program co-ordinator said.

The course will give women the knowledge to set goals for themselves in pursuing technical training. "We're trying to get women into the technical courses at the Welland campus," Ms. Davidson said.

The women take courses in math, physics, chemistry, electricity, machine shop, welding and carpentry. They work at different levels in the academic subjects but take the technical training together.

MANY APPREHENSIVE

"Many women are quite apprehensive, especially about the math, when they come into the course," Ms. Davidson said. Focusing on confidence building and assertiveness training, many of the courses are approached from an anxiety perspective.

Niagara College received the $163,000 Project Access grant from the Ontario government last November. An 18-week federal grant program, Women into Trades and Technology (WITT), has been held at Welland Vale for two years.

Project Access complements WITT courses. The curriculum and the facilities are the same for both programs but the provincial grant has allowed for an expansion in the women's programs, Ms. Davidson said.

The women in WITT courses receive training allowances or unemployment insurance commission benefits. Project Access does not provide this money.

Of the 50 women in Project Access, most are older than 30. "We're seeing more younger women, though, with high school credits who don't want traditional roles," Ms. Davidson said.

LEARN CONFIDENCE

The women in the Welland Vale courses must overcome a lack of self-confidence, family resistance and financial problems and must put an extra effort into their job search. "They must convince the employer that they can do it."

Ms. Davidson said that about one-third of the technical training graduates pursue further skill development in carpentry, welding or machine shop while another third go into more conventional jobs such as nursing or social work. The remainder return to their previous jobs until it is convenient for them to make use of the knowledge learned in the technical classes.

Project Access will run until March 30. "I think there's sufficient concern from all levels of government that we might see this approach continued," Ms. Davidson said.

She said the high schools will have to do a lot more to encourage women to take shop and develop technical awareness.

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NIAGARA

EDITORIALS

Stop funding spiral

The raison d'etre of the community college system could be threatened with extinction by recent decisions to allow college enrolment increases despite poor job opportunities for graduates.

Colleges have built their reputations by providing graduates with practical, in-demand skills which allow them to go directly into the workforce.

Now, although recession has slackened and changed job demands in many fields, community colleges are being forced to keep pumping out even more graduates in their struggle for increased per capita funding.

Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president, says Niagara has adopted the new enrolment policy as a short-term solution to funding problems that will be monitored and re-examined.

The trouble with short-term solutions is that they sometimes get swept under the rug and become part of the fabric of the status quo. Let's hope that does not happen here.

Long-term problems could be monstrous if the funding spiral is allowed to continue.

Smaller colleges couldn't possibly attract enough students to compete with those in more densely populated areas.

The federal-provincial student loan system could be severely strained as requests for money increase. How will graduates pay the government back if they have been educated in fields where there are few job opportunities?

The college president is promising to "get vocal" if the province fails to recognize the need for long term solutions.

This is a promise that must be kept. **Carol Alaimo**

Wake up, O Canada

Polonius: What do you hear my lord?
Hamlet: Words, words, words.

—Hamlet

On Oct. 25, 1983, they talked of the Grenadian invasion, Crows Nest pass controversial freight rate, Canada Elections Act, and a host of other issues in the House of Commons.

Parliamentarians passed amendments to the Canada Elections Act "by unanimous consent" and nobody paid any attention.

At least not until a Toronto-based political pressure group, The National Citizens' Coalition, challenged the act, saying it violates free speech provisions in the Charter of Rights.

Bill C-169, as it is called, bans advertising by third-party or special interest groups, either for or against a candidate or party, or unless the group registers as a party and unless such material is approved by and paid for by the party or candidate.

The repercussions of such an act are monstrous.

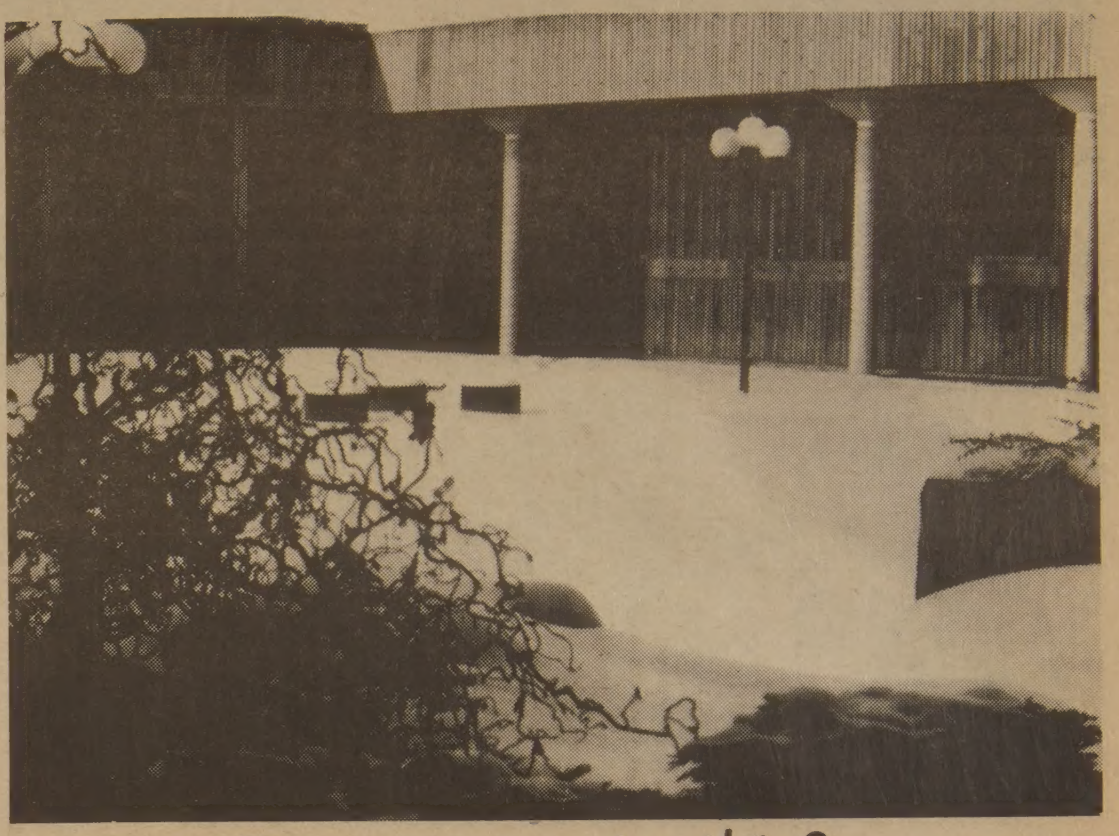
A citizen cannot "print, publish, distribute, or post" a sign, poster, opposing or supporting a party unless paid for by the party.

Politicians explain that amendments were introduced to set uniform and reasonable limits on election expenses. "Someone not involved in the process could spend unlimited amounts," Jean Jacques Hamel, Canada's chief electoral officer, said. "If a guy doesn't like your face, he could spend unlimited amounts."

But, isn't freedom of speech, the cornerstone of our constitution, a price too high to pay?

Politicians, in overlooking such an important facet of our constitution, have displayed sterling incompetence and indifference.

It is time we unitedly call for answers that have been snowed under by polical expediency. **Chitra Ramasethu**



Do you recognize this?

When did a picture of this same place last appear in the Niagara News? Our first edition of the 1983-84 school year showed the Manera Courtyard, above, swarming with students sunning on lawn chairs. The courtyard is silent now and the snow is unblemished as frigid weather forces students to stay inside. (Photo by Carol Alaimo)

In other words

Thanks for co-operation, clinic success this year

Dear Editor:

The blood donor clinic was again very successful this year. The students and staff were very co-operative in walking all the way over to the gym to give blood. The Niagara News did a fantastic job.

With 310 pints donated Niagara College can be proud of its part in helping the community. We would also like to congratulate the ambulance service students who won the Corpsuckle Cup.

I would like to thank those who helped me out with advertising for the clinic: Joe McCallum, Dave Johns, Jeff Young, Veronica Newstead, Pete Lutz, Leslie Robertson, Tim Proctor, Dave Couture, Sandra Bryant, Terry Smith, Greg Crawford, Andy Jansen and Michelle Lambert.

Once again thanks to all those who participated by giving blood and next year we hope you will all extend the same support.

Joanne Bolton
Law and Security II
Advertising 1984 blood donor clinic

News provides 'excellent variety'

Dear Editor:

Just a note of commendation to the staff and students of the Journalism-Print program for producing a striking and attractive Jan. 23 issue of the Niagara News.

This issue will do much to promote the blood donor clinic and, thereby, your program is making a significant contribution to community service in our area.

Your reporters are to be congratulated also for the excellent variety of news items they have gathered from the college for this issue. I know that producing a weekly newspaper is very demanding work but it provides excellent practice in preparing your students for their future newspaper careers.

Thank you, and best wishes for continued success.

I. J. Giancarlo
Dean,
School of Applied Arts

Not shrinking

Dear Editor:

Thank you for your Spotlight feature on our Survey Technician Program in the January 23rd issue of the News.

It is nice to know that we are not forgotten out there when the wind is howling and the snow is blowing at -10 C. The Survey students would like to assure everyone that the campus is not shrinking in size and that the buildings have not moved over the years.

Keep up the good work

Tom McGuinness, Program Coordinator Survey Technician Program Manufacturing/Mechanical/Construction Division

May dine with Board next year

Students, teachers and administrators may dine with the Board of Governors again next year if the Board can find $15,000 to spare.

The board wants to revive a college tradition of once-a-month dining with groups of about 40 students, teachers and administrators.

The dinners were cancelled in 1981 as part of a severe cutback program to avoid impending teacher layoffs, the college president, Jacqueline Robarts, said.

Vice-chairman J.R. Letourneau told the board Jan. 26 the college may have saved money in the cutback, "but it has paid a dearer price in the loss of contact with staff and students."

"We are being criticized by some staff for being out of touch with them," Mr. Letourneau said.

"We must do something to get back in touch, and I don't care how we do it as long as we find a way."

EXCELLENT VEHICLE

Board member Roger Babin agreed the dinners "were an excellent vehicle for faculty and student contact that must be replaced."

Board chairman William Stanyer said he would like to see the program revived, even if in a more frugal form.

Miss Robarts said she is expecting the 1984-85 budget to be tight and doesn't hold much hope for having money left over for extras.

SPECTRUM

Clock repair / Infant care

Hickory Dickory Doc

Fixer has time on his hands

By JUDY McEWEN
Staff Writer

At first it sounds like a gentle, spring rain. Then you realize that the soothing noise is actually the ticking of a great many clocks.

They cover every inch of wall space at Kemp's Clock Repair at 70 Victoria Ave. N., Vineland, either hanging, perched on tables or standing on their own. Austere grandfather clocks, some seven feet high, mingle sedately with small, feminine wall clocks adorned with frivolous brass curlicues.

There are several cuckoo clocks from the Black Forest area of Germany. Some are just plain, brown wood. Others have little carved and painted people decorating them.

Bob Kemp, who sells, makes and repairs clocks, said he is so used to the sound of the ticking clocks he does not even hear it.

Even if the clocks did not work, they would still compel you to look at them. All-business digitals are not welcome here.

Mr. Kemp, who trained for two years at the Provincial Institute of Trades, Toronto, has been in the clock business for about 20 years.

"I like to look at them. I admire them," he said lovingly of the clocks, many of which are antique.

Born in the Netherlands, Mr. Kemp has lived in Vineland since he started working as a clock repairman.

Bob Kemp adjusts grandfather clock.
(Photo by Judy McEwen)

Customers

His customers come from all over the peninsula, from Toronto to Niagara Falls to Port Colborne to buy clocks or have their antique clocks fixed. "I'd go bankrupt tomorrow," he chuckled, "if I just sold in Vineland."

While most of his time is spent repairing clocks, he likes to make them "from scratch" when he has extra time.

He seems to favor the majestic grandfather clocks, made from gleaming polished wood with brass fittings. Some have pendulums 10 inches in diameter. Priced between $2,000 and $3,000, "they can be handed down to your children," he pointed out.

Despite the booming market in throw-away, plastic-cased digitals, Mr. Kemp's business is not suffering. "Every year I get more and more repairs."

A one-man operation, Mr. Kemp gets all manner of clocks to fix.

"Would you repair my peacock?" was the most unusual request. The peacock was actually a musical toy, complete with mechanically strutting legs and fanning wings. He fixed it.

Clocks made all over the world — Germany, Switzerland, England, Korea and the United States, as well as Canada — are sold in Mr. Kemp's shop.

He gets "beautiful grandfather clocks" from Trent, Michigan, and clocks with gold-plated fittings from Switzerland.

Swiss

He does little business in Swiss clocks though, because they are so expensive. "The Swiss put a little more into them," he explained.

The man who can be both busy and still have time on his hands, "doesn't hear the ticking" of the healthy, new clocks in the store but is keenly aware of the muted, sick ones.

"I like the satisfaction of mending and hearing them tick again."

Post-diploma program to include infant care

A post-diploma program in infant care and education to be held at Niagara College has received approval from the Board of Governors, Margaret Hamilton, program co-ordinator, early childhood education, said.

"We are seeking approval from the ministry of colleges and universities to have the program begin this September," Mrs. Hamilton said. The decision also rests upon sufficient budget being available.

This program is developed to prepare the student for specialized work in the care of infants under 30 months. Courses of study include the physical, psychological and sociological development of infants, as well as health, nutrition, group dynamics and infant care supervision.

Admission requirements will be a diploma in early childhood education, because graduates in this program will need further training to work with infants under 30 months, she said.

"If we get ministry approval, we still have three hurdles," David Davies, chairman, human services division, said.

"The main hurdle is funds; then we need at least 20 students enrolled in the program and we will need additional staff," he said.

Faculty time will be an additional expense, Mrs. Hamilton said. At present there is one staff member for every seven to eight children. Infants three to 30 months require one staff member for every three babies.

This program was approved in 1973, Mr. Davies said. Because of lack of funds it was carried in continuing education for a number of years.

Over the years the number of students enrolling in the evening classes led early childhood education to plan a day program. It will continue to be offered as an evening program.

W. Davies displays at gallery

The newest display at the Hennepin Art Gallery will feature recent works of William Davies.

The show, provided with the assistance of the Ontario Arts Council, was to be given its preview last Friday at 8 p.m.

The works are to be on display from Feb. 4 to Feb. 25. The gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Friday and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

Student wins $ award

The first Woolco-Woolworth Sales and Merchandising award has been won by Sam Albidone, second-year sales and merchandising student.

This award will be given annually to a second-year student who has completed the first year with excellent grades and is judged exceptional in both academic and extra-curricular activites.

Sam will receive a $500 cash prize and recognition as an overall outstanding student.

A native of St. Catharines, he is an assistant manager at Club 47, St. Catharines, which provides halls and bingos for non-profit organizations.

For the last three years he has been involved in body-building. He won first place in the teenage Can-Am Competition held in Watertown, N.Y., in September, 1983.

Sam's future goal involves operating his own fitness and health club.

As he is graduating in April, 1984, he hopes to find employment where he can gain experience to meet his goal.

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Apply now, as applications with supporting documents must be sent to CMHC by the university not later than April 6.

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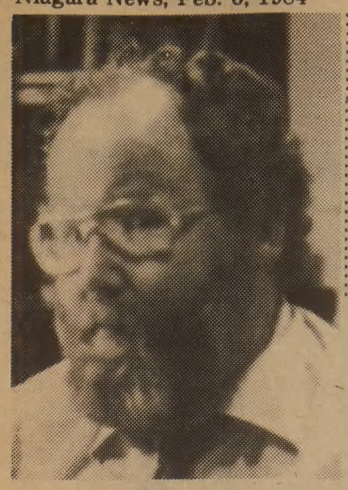
The firefighters bravely battle despite being engulfed in flames.

A firefighter stands alone.

Two firefighters try to control the flames from close-in range.



GREGORY LAUGHTON

To study paramedic projects

Gregory Laughton, English teacher, has been granted a four-month sabbatical to work on projects concerned with the introduction of paramedics to the Niagara peninsula.

The sabbatical from September to December has been approved but depends on the 1984 budget.

Mr. Laughton, teaching master, said, "It's the first time anyone in the English department has been granted a sabbatical to do something other than an additional degree or media work of some kind or another."

Mr. Laughton has already been working with Frank Adamson, co-ordinator of ambulance and emergency care, who is secretary and treasurer of a pre-hospital emergency care committee to prepare the community for paramedics.

The committee is working with the ministry of health on a centro-communication system to facilitate communications between doctors and the ambulance crew in case of accidents, and "there is a lot of lobbying to get an emergency telephone system, Mr. Adamson said.

Mr. Laughton's research is threefold in character: to work with the pre-hospital emergency care committee; a computerized booking system for cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) mannequins; and research for a communication course for paramedics personnel.

In the process, he will do a small group survey to raise money for the equipment. There is need for military anti-shock trousers (MAST) and intravenous kits. MAST trousers are inflated and put on patients who have massive hemorrhages. This forces blood into the trunk and raises blood pressure.

He will also write letters and reports for the pre-hospital care committee and may make presentations on programs to the regional government.

He will set up communication workshops for ambulance attendants for the Ontario ministry of health.

"Right now, I'm doing a lot of leg work, research for devising a booking system for CPR mannequins, find out how many there are, where they all are, and put them on the computer," he said.

Since 1975 when he did a part-time three-hour course for ambulance attendants "out of interest" his interest has steadily increased.

The next year in 1976 he finished the CPR program and the St. John Ambulance first-aid course. In 1981 he got work experience with the St. Catharines ambulance service. "I rode with an ambulance crew for eight weeks and did active treatment."

Computers in engineering seminar

A seminar to acquaint students and the general public with microcomputers in engineering and how they are used in engineering, will be held in the Secord room at Niagara College, Feb. 16, beginning at 5 p.m., Bea Clark, manager of continuing education services, said.

At least a dozen exhibits of computers and components will be shown. This seminar is co-sponsored by the Niagara Chapters of the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario and the Engineering Institute of Canada. They are working in co-operation with continuing education services at the college.

"We are hoping students will participate," Mrs. Clark said. Staff and students of the computer technology program will have an exhibit at the seminar."

Other exhibiters are Hewlitt Packard, Acres Consulting Services, and General Motors, Beninger Engineering, and Montreal Engineering Co.

Registration fees are minimal: $4 at the door or a pre-registration fee of $2.

Today, young Canadians are asking some tough questions.

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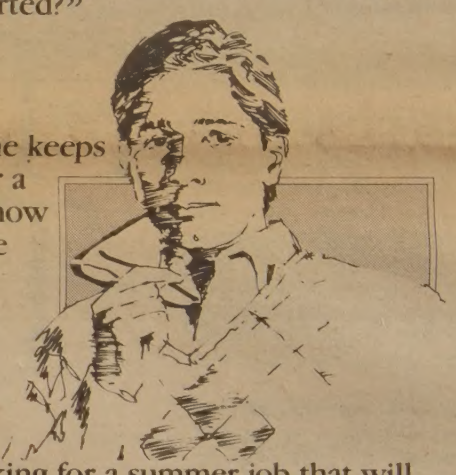
"If nobody wants to give me a job because I've got no experience, how am I supposed to get started?"

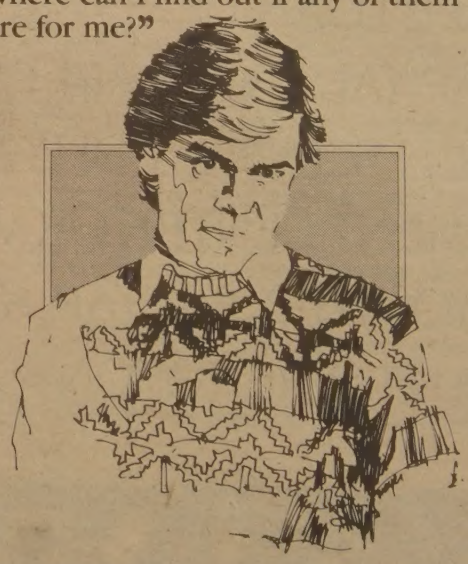


"Everyone keeps asking for a resume, how do I write one?"

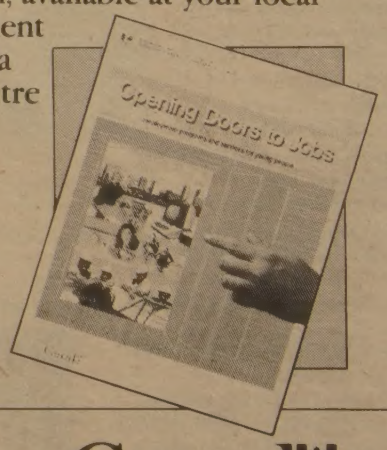
"I don't even know what I'd be good at, what kind of job should I be looking for?"

"I'm looking for a summer job that will help me prepare for a career. Where can I find one?"

"I hear the government has some new training and employment programs, where can I find out if any of them are for me?"



Now, there's a new book which answers these questions, and more. It's called "Opening Doors to Jobs" and it contains information on all the programs and services for youth, available at your local Canada Employment Centre, or Canada Employment Centre on Campus. Get a copy, and let us help open some doors for you.



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1984 Farmer's Almanac overflows with bits of trivia

By ALETHA JONES
Staff Writer

A woman's husband may not shove her out of bed, even if her feet are cold, in Lebanon, Tennessee; but she can shove her husband out of bed at any time without a reason.

Tickling a girl with a feather duster is against the law in Portland, Maine.

These and other silly laws are still on the books across the United States and can be read in the 1984 Farmer's Almanac.

A "calendar of the heavens" is the rough translation of the word almanac from the ancient Arabic. However, this versatile book contains much more than calendar pages.

Budding weathermen will be interested to know that this winter is expected to be as much as three degrees colder than normal except for sections moderated by the Great Lakes, which may be one degree Celsius colder than average.

A few pages further on there's an advertisement for thermal underwear that tells one to "laugh at the cold."

The old Farmer's Almanac is a book for all ages. The grandparents swore by it. In the days before everyone had a radio, and newspapers came once a week, if at all, it was the only way to find out if one should lay in a bigger supply of firewood or just the usual amount.

Weather

Since 1793 weather forecasting has been its forte. The only time they admit losing face over their weather forecasting was in the 30s when Little Brown, then the publishers, substituted daily weather prediction. As one disgusted reader wrote in 1938 — 'put one foot on a cake of ice and the other foot in a pail of boiling water and the average says you feel just right!"

The first thing the present publishers did upon purchase of the Almanac in 1939 was to restore the important tradition of weather predicting.

It is the booklet to take with one on a short trip, a booklet to curl up with if one is tired of reading the usual heavy romances or biographies. This little booklet has everything for everyone.

Avid gardeners might want to know how to grow armfuls of luscious peaches in just 90 days. They can find out how to in the advertisement on page 6. Or numismatists could have some old pennies lying around they might want to sell. One company listed in the almanac will pay $3,000 for a certain Lincoln head penny.

Remember that old weather house grandma had? If the old man came out there was going to be a storm; if the old woman came out it would be fair. Or maybe it was the other way around. Anyway, there is one for sale on page 9.

So that's how they make those weather predictions.

Learn about the rising and setting of the planets in 1984. Find out how far one can see over a theoretically flat horizon if one is six feet tall. For instance, if one were standing on an elevation of 450 feet, one could see a 3,000-foot high mountain 100 miles away.

Do you know that there is to be an annular eclipse of the sun on May 30, 1984?

On page 46 there is a table foretelling the weather through all the lunations of each year, forever.

In this 1984 almanac there are 27 calendar pages, from November, 1983, to December, 1984. On these pages there are short verses, old sayings, anecdotes, birthdays of famous persons, saints' days, holidays and short poems.

Trivia

There is a page on how to make sense of the latest census, one on tide tables for the fisherman, and one on killing frosts and growing seasons for the farmer.

If you are interested in Unexpected Uses for Soap and Soapsuds, turn to page 98.

Thumbing through this booklet we find recipes, puzzles, a list of 21 different causes of headaches, 25 Things to Do with Stuff You Usually Throw Away, and How to Predict a Frost Accurately.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the death of Adolf Wilhelm Hermann Kolbe. What? You've never heard of Adolf Wilhelm Hermann Kolbe? He is the great chemist whose work has made life bearable for uncounted billions of people. He found a cheap way to produce salicylic acid — better known as aspirin.

An interesting article on page 218, The Breath We Share, says that the average human breath contains as many as 10 sextillion atoms...and that your very next breath may contain a million-odd atoms of oxygen and nitrogen once breathed by Buddha, Christ, Plato, Newton, and Einstein...from pygmies in the Congo and Eskimos in Greenland...or from the dinosaurs in pre-Ice Age swamps, and Hannibal's elephants puffing up the Alps.

And away they go! Sliders may have fun on icy patches they create on college walkways but the same spots are no fun for the people who do not see them and go down with a thud. Each year thoughtless students create these perils for the unsuspecting. College officials ask students to use their heads and not create the slippery spots.

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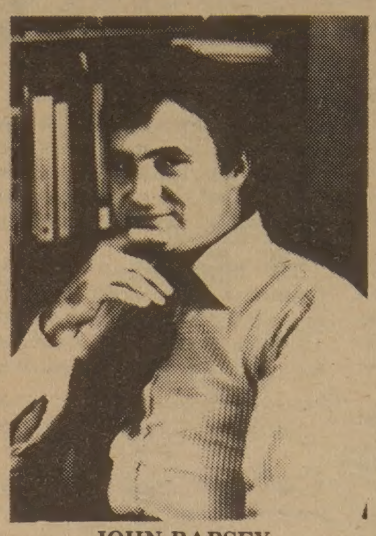
Theatre co-ordinator plans for sabbatical

By THERESA GRETZINGER
Staff Writer


JOHN RAPSEY

John Rapsey, theatre co-ordinator, plans to leave next year for "a time of renewal, research, and refreshment" to guard against becoming stale or suffering burn-out.

He applied for a sabbatical in October and will "know for sure in April but what I've been told is I can go ahead with the planning of it." The sabbatical he seeks will run from late August, 1984, to the same date in 1985.

Mr. Rapsey's plans for his sabbatical are in three parts. From August to early December, 1984, he plans to visit theatre training institutions and professional theatre in Australia.

He hopes to do guest lecturing and guest directing while he carries out "a study of organizational aspects in funding of arts programs in general in a country which is relatively parallel to the development of theatre in Canada."

In 1977, the Canada Council funded a study on theatre training in Canada and it "stuck almost exclusively to the training of actors, directors and designers," Mr. Rapsey said. "There is very little comprehensive information in technical theatre, how it's being taught, where students are going, what they're getting into and where it's being taught."

So, from about next January to May, he will travel across Canada visiting programs that teach technical theatre. This will take the form of a comparative study, including aspects like internal organization, number of students, and placement.

VISIT APPRENTICES

He will also visit major professional theatres, particularly those where Theatre Centre apprentices have been sent. These include the Neptune Theatre in Halifax, Centaur Theatre in Montreal, Globe Theatre in Regina, the Citadel in Edmonton, the Playhouse Theatre in Vancouver, and Theatre Calgary in Alberta.

From May to June, he would like to find an assistant director's position at one of the major festivals or direct a show for a professional summer company "to reacquaint me with the standards and pressures of professional theatre."

Mr. Rapsey has been co-ordinator of the theatre program since 1976. He also instructs first-year voice, creative drama and performance workshop; second-year English, dramatic literature and theatre history of stage management; and third-year writing of research papers.

He works as artistic director for the program and is "generally responsible for production of quality of work" which includes selection of plays and guest instructors.

Shock put back in play by guest director

By THERESA GRETZINGER
Staff Writer

When Equus, the Theatre Centre's next production, was first presented in July, 1973, people found it "very shocking." As the public grew into broader minds, the play was more and more accepted, Duncan McIntosh, guest director for Equus, said.

Now he is going to "attempt to strip away all those nice, comfortable, warm feelings about the play to make it as shocking and disturbing as it was on the first day." Equus will be performed at the Theatre Centre from Feb. 13 to 18.

Mr. McIntosh, a member of the Shaw Festival company since 1981, was recommended to the Theatre Centre by Christopher Newton, Shaw artistic director.

He has appeared in Shaw Festival productions of Pygmalion, Camille, and Caesar and Cleopatra and will direct Roberta at Shaw next season.

He also has appeared at the Charlottetown Festival, Theatre London, Sudbury Theatre Centre and Stage 33 in Vancouver.

In film, he has performed in Incubus, Bells with Richard Chamberlain, and Ticket to Heaven. He recently returned from several months on a Canada Council grant at the Young Vic in London where he was assistant director.

His job as director is "to interpret the play, to put onto the stage what the playwright wrote and to help actors to tell the story," he said.

Mr. McIntosh said he will try to be as true to the play "as is possible. It started out shocking, that's what it should be." The shock of the play will come through to the audience when they realize the play is telling them something about themselves.

It is a play about fantasy and passion. "Most people try to ignore their passion, whether it's for religion, politics or love, but if you try to squelch it you become a dead human being." In Equus, "because it is squelched down, it pops up in a vicious way."

The most appealing aspect to the play is its honesty and it is "thrilling in that it is such a vast, weird event to have happened to any one person and you know it could happen to you."

The town of the play is the "English equivalent of Welland," Mr. McIntosh said, so he deleted the English phrases and replaced them with Canadian equivalents to achieve greater identification for the audience.

Mr.McIntosh is limiting the acting itself to create the sensation of reality. "Theatre should be theatrical when it should be theatrical and real when it should be real."

Production delights young, old

By CAROL ALAIMO
Staff Writer

Much can be said for any production a reviewer would pay to see again. Press Theatre's Once More! With Fooling! opened on Jan. 27, and this reviewer was back again on the 28th with family members from age five to 50.

Young and old alike revelled in the Jack Northmore production based on music of the 1930s and 40s that lived up to its billing as "A Cure for the January Blues."

The five-year-old was mesmerized by the wide smiles, booming voices and hot-cha of singer-dancers Joy Thompson-Allen, Mark Terene, Marcia Tratt and Jim White, who burst forth with toe-tappers and comedy designed to bring out the child in all of us.

Especially memorable were spoofs on Desi Arnaz, Carmen Miranda and Tex Ritter.

"Cowboys are always portrayed as being undersexed," Tex told the audience, and the five-year-old, who had no idea what that meant, laughed along with the others not wanting to be left out of the apparent fun!

Grandma took a trip down memory lane that at best left her misty-eyed and at worst had her singing aloud off-key.

She was captured by poignant favorites like *I'll Be Seeing You*, Lili Marlene and Moonlight Becomes You.

"Oh, God, I remember that one," she could be heard to say as each new tune began.

Most memorable of the evening was Marcia Tratt in a gutsy, heart-rending performance of 10 Cents a Dance, a depression-era tune about a woman forced to work in a dancehall to survive. A hush fell over the audience as Miss Tratt recounted the bumblers and lechers who made up dancehall clientele, and the audience, especially this reviewer, burst into wild applause when she finished.

Good directing by Diane Nyland Proctor provided crisp snappiness to the tap and jazz segments and mellowness to the more poignant ones.

The almost total lack of stage props was a visual shock for about the first two minutes of the show. After that long, the obvious talent of the performers formed an ambience that filled what the black stairs and platform did not.

Costuming was simple but effective. The cast was dressed in basic black, with hats, sashes or other accessories added and removed as needed. Once again, the performers' verve and talent won out over the need for elaborateness.

But the costumer should add good brassieres to the wardrobes of Miss Tratt and Ms. Thompson-Allen who both balanced rather indiscreetly during tap and jazz numbers.

Tom Inglis on piano and Mike Phelan on drums were definitely in the nostalgic mood and provided solid musical accompaniment.

I wish Tom and Mike could have joined us for the long drive home. They could have accompanied Grandma, who sang most of the Once More! With Fooling!

Comics to compete

It's time for Niagara College's humor to take a front seat. This Thursday during the double lunch, the Student Administrative Council (SAC) will sponsor the annual Amateur Comedy Show in the Hamilton Room.

Denis Noel, SAC president, said there will be prizes of from $50 to $200. He is hoping that Charlie Chan's Cabaret in St. Catharines might have the winners perform there as they did last year.

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Answers questions on job searches

By SUE GRECO
Staff Writer

Once dissatisfaction sets in, a person cannot do a good job, Anne Charette, owner of Pen Personnel, told a co-op seminar for first-year retail management students Tuesday.

Ms. Charette was invited to answer any questions students had on job search techniques, interviews and resumes and letters.

Besides being owner of Pen Personnel in St. Catharines, Ms. Charette has had a long career in personnel work; she is on college advisory committees and has taken part in Retail Career Nights.

Resumes should never be put in duotang folders and should never be longer than two pages.

"They look great on colored paper and really stand out."

ANNE CHARETTE

NOT TOO PERSONAL

No one has to put "too personal" information on resumes such as religion, height or weight.

"A good interviewer will find out anything he wants in five minutes. If a good interviewer asks the right questions, that triggers the answers to what he wants."

In an interview, said Ms. Charette, a person becomes a salesman.

"You're going in to sell yourself, but that depends on how good you are."

Appearance and eye contact are of vital importance especially in retail. She advised girls not to wear slacks during an interview.

"When going out for an interview, the people who will conduct the interview are usually between the ages of 40 and 60. Dress to what they like, to their style."

WARY OF SALARY

On an application form, the applicant should put "negotiable" under salary expected, Ms. Charette said.

"During an interview, try not to be boxed in a corner where you have to give the salary you want. Always try to get the information from the interviewer. Throw it in his ball park."

She advised students to shop around and find out how much it will cost to live in a certain area. This way, she said, a student will have a minimum figure of how much he needs to live.

"You really cannot do anything if you're just squeaking by. You get dissatisfied and you end up quitting.

Seminar raises $$

A day-long seminar on Industrial Relations and Personnel Management Through the 80's was presented by the Personnel and Industrial Relations Advisory Committee of Niagara College.

The seminar, which included several guest speakers and a panel discussion, was held Jan. 26 at the Parkway Inn, St. Catharines.

Its purpose was to raise money for LABS' 84 (Learners in Business Sessions) — a seminar for personnel, industrial and/or business management students to take place in the spring.

Along with eight third-year management students, Ontario businessmen and women in the field also attended.

Speakers were: John Crispo, noted industrial relations specialist and professor of political economy in the faculty of management studies at the University of Toronto, who discussed labor relations; Edward T. McDermott, a partner in the firm of Osler, Hoskin and Harcourt which practises labor relations for management and chairman of the National Labor Section of the Canadian Bar Association, who discussed equal pay for work of equal value; David Brady, a partner in the firm of Hicks, Morley, Hamilton, Stewart and Storie, who discussed wrongful dismissal, and Dr. David Jordan, clinical psychologist, who discussed stress management.

The panel, discussing the implications of non-mandatory retirement, consisted of Dr. Norah Carlsen, psychologist; Mike Atwood of William M. Mercer Ltd., and Jim Rockley of Towers, Perrin, Forster and Crosby Ltd.

SAC plans ski trip to Holiday Valley

The first few weeks of the new year can be the slowest months of the year with the wintry weather. But with all the snow this year, there is no reason for students to sit in.

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) has planned a skiing trip to Holiday Valley on Feb. 17. The cost is only $12 Canadian for a lift ticket or $22 Canadian for a lift ticket and ski rentals.

Students who have never skied, need not despair; lessons are included in the fee.

The bus will leave at 7:30 a.m. The ski lift is open from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The bus will hold 47 people and if there is enough demand, two buses will be booked.

SAC has subsidized the bus fare and part of the ski trip.

College may be host

Presidents' Conference calls college delegates

Niagara college may be the host of this year's Presidents' Conference if a bid planned by the Student Administrative Council (SAC) is accepted, Denis Noel, SAC president, said.

The conference, to be held in mid-April, is an information-sharing session attended by four delegates from each of the 22 Ontario colleges.

Denis said Niagara College has a 50 per cent chance of holding the conference which originally was to be held at one of the northern colleges. As yet none of the northern colleges has expressed an interest because they are getting "low on funds."

This would be the first time that Niagara College has been host for the conference if the bid that SAC plans to submit this week is accepted. Denis said Niagara is a good location for the conference because most other colleges are relatively close. The Niagara region also offers good accommodation at a low price in the off season.

Delegates wil discuss problems faced at individual colleges in order to get advice and feedback that may help in overcoming these problems. There will be workshops to discuss student issues and guest speakers will offer their advice and experiences.

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Fuel safety testing to be done at college

Niagara College is now one of the examining centres in the Niagara peninsula for the Fuel Safety Branch for the ministry of consumer and commercial relations, Brian McKeown, development officer, continuing education, said.

Testing to obtain provincial licenses for natural gas fitters, oil burner mechanics, and propane conversion mechanics will be done.

"We are hoping to get this underway shortly," said Mr. McKeown. "We're just waiting for test material from the ministry."

In the past Niagara College arranged for its students to be examined on campus and others had to go to a test centre in St. Catharines. Now all students and others who wish to write the provincial exam will be able to take their test at the college, Mr. McKeown said.

"We will be setting up specific dates for the tests," he said.

Students wanting further information can call the college, extension 519.

Fruit, hog, dairy info with Continuing Ed

Area farmers will benefit from a program beginning soon at Niagara College, Bea Clark, manager of continuing education services, said.

Fruit growers, hog producers and dairy farmers will get the latest information on improved production and the importance of pesticide safety.

"It's an example of how the college responds to the needs of the community," said Mrs. Clark. The college is working with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food in the program.

There will be three separate courses. Hog producers will get information on the effects of home grown and purchased feed and production management.

In the dairy management course farmers will receive help in improving dairy production. Both hog producers and dairy farmers will be given information on administering vaccines.

Fruit growers will benefit from lectures on soil management, effects of climate, and the use of research. Demonstrations on pruning fruit trees, especially grape vines, will be given.

"The emphasis will be on financial management," Mrs. Clark said. "But planning statements, taxes and other legal aspects of running a farm will be covered."

Funds for the program will come from the Canada Employment Centre. No course fee will be charged to the farmers.

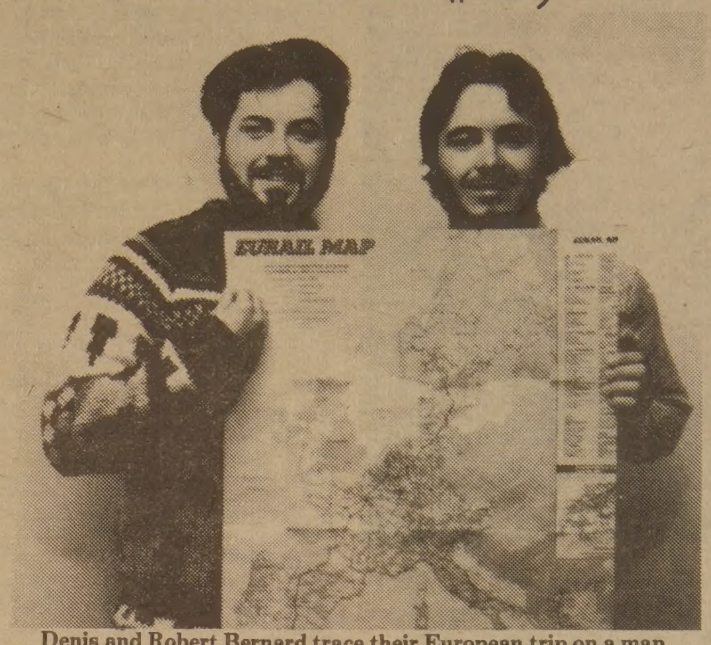
European venture includes 13 nations for under $2,400

By DON BERNARD
Staff Writer

They may not have gone around the world in 80 days, but across Europe in 80 days is plenty. Denis Bernard, a student at the University of Waterloo, and his brother, Robert, a student at Notre Dame High School, Welland, returned Jan. 19 from a two-and-half month venture in Europe.

The trip was a package deal that included an open return airfare between Toronto and Amsterdam for $550 and an unlimited two-month train pass in 16 European countries for $465.

Denis, 23, and Robert, 18, visited the Netherlands, West Germany, Belgium, France, Italy, Greece, Austria, Switzerland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Luxembourg and Spain. They ommitted Finland, Ireland and Portugal from their tour because of the time factor.



Denis and Robert Bernard trace their European trip on a map provided by Eurail, a train service that offers rail passes obtainable through schools in the U.S. and Canada only.
(Photo by Don Bernard)

HIGHLIGHTS

Greece was the highlight of the trip for Denis while Robert took a fancy to Paris. "Crete was a holiday from a holiday which brought new experiences every day," Denis said. Meanwhile, Robert said, "When I go back to Europe, I will definitely stay longer in Paris."

The sites included such landmarks as L'Arc de Triomphe, the Eiffel Tower and Champs Elysee in Paris; castles in Tours, France; the Vatican and hearing the Pope's weekly blessing; the Colosseum and Trevi Fountain in Rome, and the ancient ruins of Pompeii.

IN NORWAY

The Scandinavian tour had the spectacular Bergen run, an 1898 train route that runs along the best scenery in Norway and stops at the longest fjord, a sea inlet formed by glaciers and eroded by the ocean. This was especially interesting for Denis who is taking environmental studies at Waterloo.

The Alps would have to give the most awesome view, Denis stressed. "The clean air is noticeable."

"Copenhagen has the best-tasting beer," Robert said, "and Italy has the best-looking girls."

What struck Denis most about Europe was the "military stronghold" present in most countries. "You had to think about military invasion," Denis said. "I had a tank drive by me on Main Street in Munster," he said as he recalled the setting of the West German city which was 90 per cent destroyed during the Second World War.

POOR FACILITIES

However, Robert noticed the poor washroom facilities in almost every country. "Washrooms and toilets make the European nations back-ass backwards." He said there must be 50 ways to flush a toilet in Europe and none operated like modern Canadian toilets.

Although they disagree on favorite sites, they both agree the cost was inexpensive when the duration and area covered are taken into consideration. Thirteen countries in two-and-a-half months cost Robert $1,350 for food, shelter and sightseeing. That comes to about $17 a day.

To plan this sort of trip, Robert suggested that people should decide before leaving if a fast grand tour of Europe is wanted or a slow, detailed trip is sought. The rail pass, obtainable only in Canada and the United States, is good for two months.

Denis and Robert are glad to be home. Nevertheless, exotic places like Florence, Nice, Venice and the Riveria are no longer just settings in motion pictures. They are now part of life's most memorable experiences for Denis and Robert.

Annual dinner honors Scottish poet Burns

Borne on the shoulders of two members of Frontier Pipes and Drums, the haggis was triumphantly piped in at the annual Bobbie Burns' Anniversary Dinner, held at Branch No. 4, Royal Canadian Legion, Welland, last month.

Made of oatmeal and various seasonings, the haggis, a traditional dish of Scotland, was addressed by Doug Burr. The address, which says in part only Scottish food is good enough to be eaten, was accomplished with much arm and knife-waving. After the address, a whiskey toast was drunk by the bearers.

"And proud we are, for here we are," said James Corrigan, who gave the tribute, Immortal Memory, to Robert Burns.

READ POEMS

Mr. Corrigan read excerpts from some of Burns' poems and said Burns was remembered in many lands, even though in life he "was a real scalawag".

John Adams, who introduced the head table, sang several songs, including Ye Banks and Braes of Bonnie Doon.

The Judy Dewar dancers from St. Catharines were one of the highlights of the evening with their interpretations of Scottish and Irish dances, including the sailors' hornpipe, the Scottish sword dance and the popular Highland Fling.

IRISH JIG

Wringing her fists at the audience and tossing her skirts, a dancer interpreted the Irish Washerwoman jig, and brought laughs and a round of applause from the audience.

With kilts swirling and batons twirling, 14 members of Frontier Pipes and Drums marched in to play a selection of tunes from their repetoire to a delighted audience.

Pipers played before and after the dinner or roast beef, Scottish sausage, stovies, dessert and "Of course, 'Haggis'." Dancing to the music of the Variations was from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., when Auld Lang Syne brought the dinner to a close.

Color/pattern formula changes size, mood

By ALETHA JONES
Staff Writer

Color affects the way we live. Whether it is in the clothes we wear, the workplace, or in the home, color has power and can affect light and mood.

"While Statistics Canada has never done a survey to prove it, it's probably accurate to say that 90 per cent of Canadian living rooms are beige. Not that Canadians love beige — but they know it's safe," says Lynette Jennings, decorating editor of Canadian Living magazine.

Don't let neutrals trap you into monotony, she says. If you love color but are confused by the choice available use a color/pattern formula.

To choose a color scheme, look for the three dominant colors in a sofa. This is called a color/pattern formula.

For instance, if the three dominant colors in your sofa are gold, apricot and pale olive green, you could paint your walls in a paler shade of apricot. Drapes in a soft gold shade, with a chair upholstered in the pale olive green shade will make your living room appear bright and lively. Throw pillows in soft gold and pale olive green from the leftover fabric, converts a color scheme that's blah into beautiful.

CHANGES SIZE

"Wall colors can change the apparent size of your furniture," Ms. Jennings says.

Make the largest pieces recede into the wall by choosing wall colors that are close to your upholstery color.

A color scheme of white walls and camel color carpet would make dark oak furniture and brown tweed upholstery appear bigger than it really is.

Dark gold walls would pull the browns into an autumnal scheme and the furniture would appear to recede. An additional bonus would be to enhance any art or pottery in the room.

Don't overlook plants as a decorating bonus. Brightening up a dark corner, standing in front of a window, tucked into a bookcase, plants give a room a finished look. Indeed, the addition of a plant or two can sometimes pull a decorating scheme together.

Miss Robarts welcomes 5 new members

Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president, is looking forward to working with the five new members of the Niagara College Board of Governors and the new chairman, William Stanyer.

The new members, in turn, "expressed interest and excitment at being part of a dynamic institution," Miss Robarts told the News.

They should produce "useful advice and direction in dealing with the affairs of the college."

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Second-year journalism students admire the architecture and engravings on the Ming Tomb at the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) in Toronto on Jan. 31. The tomb and tomb figures, which are enclosed in the new section of the ROM, reflect the 17th century Chinese ideal of a highly-structured universe.

Criminal investigations

Students visit forensic centre, learn that crime doesn't pay

By JANE STIRLING
Staff Writer

If criminals or potential criminals could see what Niagara College's second-year journalism class saw at the Centre of Forensic Sciences in Toronto, the world might be a safer place.

The 17 students and three teachers, who toured the centre on Jan. 31, visited the Royal Ontario Museum in the afternoon. Tour guides at the Forensic Centre were Andy Bell and Chris McAuley.

The centre carries out scientific investigations of crimes or deaths or injuries in unusual circumstances. It collects evidence from police officers, coroners, crown attorneys, and pathologists which it analyses in one of its six departments—chemistry, biology, toxicology, firearms, documents and photography.

The findings are used to support charges, eliminate suspicions and protect the public. As the evidence is used in court, some employees must go to court to testify as well as do their regular job in the laboratories.

The chemistry section investigates materials such as paint, glass and explosives that may be evidence in hit-and-run accidents or break and enter. Paint chips can be analysed to determine the specific make and model of a car in a hit-and-run.

STAINS OF ALL KINDS

In the biology department, scientists investigate stains of body fluids and secretions, hairs and fibres. Most of the material analysed is associated with crimes against people.

This department can conduct tests on clothing to determine if blood was present in the fibre even if the garment has been washed repeatedly. There are tests to determine if the blood is animal or human and tests to determine the blood type.

In a hit-and-run accident, the biology section can match up the fabric of clothing of a victim with the driver of the car even if only an imprint of the fabric is left on the dust on the vehicle.

In one crime, a burglar was identified when scientists discovered jute on his trousers from the rope he used to shinny down from the window.

The toxicology section examines alcohol and other drugs that are found in the blood and other tissues. Police officers are taught how to administer breathalyser tests at the toxicology lab.

The firearms section investigates guns and ammunition to match weapons and bullets.

In documents, investigators analyse handwriting and the cut-and-past method to uncover fraudulent cheques and lottery tickets, They can also identify forged documents by the ink and pen used.

In one case, a gas station attendant, posing as an heir to the Howard Hughes' fortune, signed a fraudulent will with Hughes' signature. It was discovered as a fake when investigators discovered the ink was too recent to have been used in the pen of the billionaire.

The photography section makes physical comparisons of before-and-after pictures and can reveal erased printing.

Apprentice cooks move to Welland Vale

The apprenticeship cook program, usually taught at the Rainbow Centre in Niagara Falls, has shifted one of its courses to the Welland Vale campus in St. Catharines due to an overflow of students.

The basic level of the apprenticeship cook program starts today at Welland Vale while the advanced level will remain in Niagara Falls, Stan West, program co-ordinator, said. The program was origininally set up for students in the peninsula but "now we're getting more from outside the area who want to get into the program and we just don't have the room," he said.

Niagara College has spent $10,000 for new equipment and renovations at Welland Vale. The 20 students registered in the program will use the same facilities as the food preparation students at the St. Catharines campus.

AFTERNOON CLASSES

The apprenticeship cooks will have classes from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. every day while those in the food preparation course use the kitchen in the morning.

The apprenticeship cook program is similar to a co-op program, Mr. West said. The students must complete 6,000 hours of school training and on-the-job work or three years.

Those who want to get into the program must have a job. After the apprentices complete 900 hours in the school, in the basic and advanced level, and 5,100 hours of on-the-job training, they write a provincial examination for certification.

The course has been held for three years but this is the first time that the basic and advanced levels have been held at different locations.

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Braille not lost to modern technology

By TRACEY CHAGNON
Staff Writer

Tapes and talking calculators have not made braille obsolete, Jean Parker, a Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) volunteer, says.

Speaking to library technician students Jan. 26, Mrs. Parker said, "Braille is still needed because you learn to spell, look up words and you can't do math or certain types of music with a tape." Tapes are merely a supplement for braille, and deaf blind mutes can communicate in no other way.

She said there are 559 people in this area who are registered with CNIB as having less than 10 per cent vision.

These people receive "lots of free help" such as free bus and movie passes and more sophisticated items such as special drinking glasses and complex watches.

Three per cent of the blind in the area read braille. Mrs. Parker said Grade 1 braille, used for labelling spices and cans, is relatively easy to learn. It consists of six holes filled by bumps in different positions. Her method of demonstrating this is half of an egg carton with six boiled eggs.

GRADE 1 EASY

Grade 2 braille is a little more difficult in that one position of the bumps — or one letter — represents a common word. "The letter B means 'but' and C means 'can' and so on."

A brailler is a typewriter for the blind. it consists of six keys which represent series of dots. Paper covered with melted plastic is used with the brailler. "The paper must be heavy and of good quality, because it must hold the dots," Mrs. Parker said. She explained that the dots could be flattened very easily.

Talking books are also available through the CNIB, she said. Each person who is registered receives through the mail a tape recorder and four or five cassettes. With the tape recorder the person is able to feel the commands such as play and rewind, instead of reading them. The cassettes contain an entire book. CNIB volunteers read books on to the cassettes, and a strong, clear voice is needed.

TALKING BOOKS

An interchangeable card, with the person's address on one side and the address of the CNIB on the other, is included with the package. When the person is finished with the book, he flips the card over and drops it into the mailbox. "It is one of the best things the CNIB came out with," she said.

Mrs. Parker, vice-chairman of the Niagara Region Advisory Committee for the CNIB, has spent some 40 years doing volunteer work. She started at the age of 18 when she was asked to read to two blind students in Montreal. The students were friendly and cheerful and she thought to herself, "This is something I'd like to do some day."

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89 years old

Man tells stories of wars, depression

By TRACEY CHAGNON
Staff Writer

He has seen farmlands turn into great metropolitan areas, lived through both world wars, and has many stories to tell about the depression of the 1930s.

Harold Smith, who will be 90 in August, is a remarkable and interesting man. He bowls two or three times a week, plays cricket with his family — he once had a dream of becoming a professional cricketer — and enjoys gardening to stay in shape. The Smith cricket team plays against Upper Canada College in Toronto, where he used to coach sports, once a year, he said.

Every Wednesday, he bowls with the St. Peter and Paul bowling league at Eastside Lanes, and he also bowls with senior citizens. At age 71 he bowled a 400-game (450 is a perfect score.) "I was stunned a bit after that one," he laughed. Bowling is not what it used to be. Mr. Smith remembers when pin-boys were used instead of today's more usual electronic system.

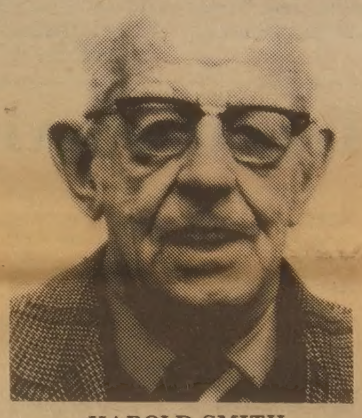
In between his turns on the alley, Mr. Smith talked about his days with the 12th Highland Light Infantry during the First World War. Things happened in France during the war "that you wouldn't believe."

He told the story of being in the trenches when the enemy attacked with chlorine gas. "That was awful stuff. It turned everything green."

One time his regiment had to ration one loaf of bread. "There were 24 men, so I cut the loaf in 12 slices, then cut each slice in half." The men were not happy about the slim rations, and were very upset when a shell destroyed what little food they did have.

Mr. Smith came to Canada from Sheffield, England, in 1920 after working on the Sheffield police force to save enough money to come here. He arrived in Toronto, and worked on the Toronto police force for 25 years. He liked the hard criminal aspect of the job. "I didn't like the pretty stuff."

He had a wife and five children during the depression, but considers he was not too badly off. "I had a job with a steady income."



HAROLD SMITH

He remembered others who were not so lucky. "I remember a nice gent whose wife was very sick. He had to sell the house to pay the hospital bills." Finally, the wife died and the man went into the hospital. "When he ran out of money, he was forced out into the street." One woman had to sell her television and piano before she was allowed to collect welfare, and a family lived in a house with no heat and only boxes for furniture.

Mr. Smith wanted to fight during the Second World War, but because he had five dependants, he was not allowed to. "However, my two oldest sons served overseas."

The first radio was a needle held to a stone with earphones to listen through. "I heard lots of music on the radio, and it was the first place I heard Foster Hewitt." Television was "just marvelous." He said he was fascinated with the talking picture.

He moved to a farm on Ridge Road, Welland, in 1950. "It was tough going. We had a frost and lost eight acres of tomatoes that were ready for canning." In addition to the farm, Mr. Smith worked for a transport company. The family moved back to Tornto when he was laid off. He returned to Welland in 1970 and now lives with his youngest son.

His former wife, Emma Stacey, died in 1981 after 60 years of marriage. The father of four boys and a girl, Mr. Smith has 28 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren. "However, I can't be sure of the exact number. I lost count."

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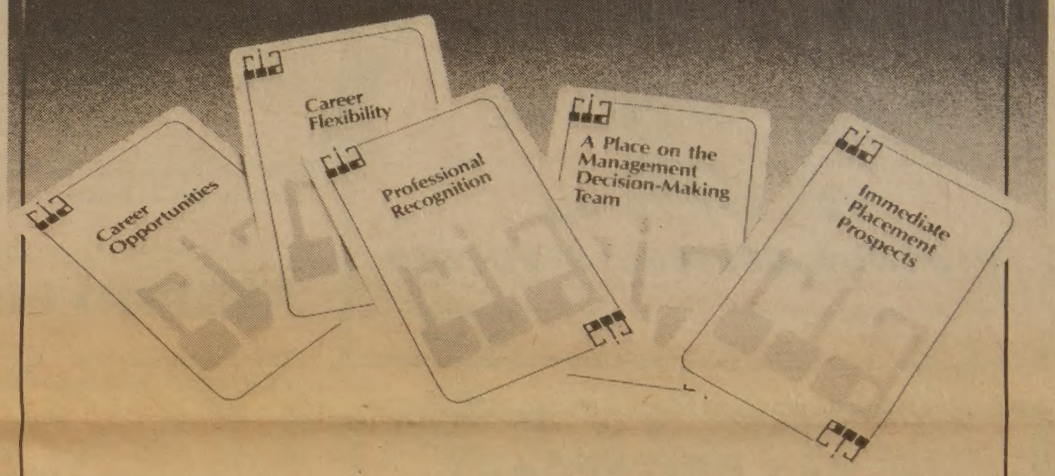

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NIAGARA SPORTS

1983-84 women's curling team

The 1983-84 women's curling team has improved steadily and is looking forward to the Ontario finals to be held in March. From left, Christine Lever, Dianne Bakker, Deanna Bowerman and Monica Maier. (Photo by Carol McGuire)

Alumni curling team victorious

The Niagara College Alumni curling team finished in first place at the Hap Holman Invitational Bonspiel, held at Mohawk College Jan. 14.

The Alumni team won all three of their games defeating all three of the Mohawk teams on their way to tally 52 points for the day.

Game one showed Niagara at their best as they defeated the first Mohawk team, skipped by McGinnis, 16—2 1/2. Niagara, skipped by Dave Fish, picked up another 10 points to add to the total as they defeated the second Mohawk team 17—3 1/2.

The play in the third game was closer, but the Alumni team scored another victory and 10 points as they defeated a third Mohawk team 17 1/2—4 1/2.

In other action, Niagara's men's team did not fare so well as they lost all three of their games and finished in sixth place at the tournament.

"We didn't do very well; we really had a tough time," Robert Young, the team manager, said.

The men, Don Kretz, Bill Harris, Tom Glucker and Stephen Jelbert, were defeated by Mohawk 18—3 in their first game, as the Mohawk team, skipped by Perry, added the 10-point victory to their total.

In the second game, Niagara exchanged rocks in a losing effort to another Mohawk team 16 1/2—3 1/2. The third game showed much the same trouble for the Niagara team as they faced Fanshawe and lost 15—4 1/2.

Mr. Young said the team is still experimenting and the tough competition didn't help matters. "We won the men's last year; we were the defending champions," Mr. Young said.

The mixed doubles team finished in fifth place also losing their three games.

The mixed team, Deb Warford, Monica Maier, Mark Brillen and Peter Maximin, finished with a total of 27 points missing out on fourth by half a point.

"Most of the games were close; the teams played well," Mr. Young said.

Niagara has the talent but it will take the right combination of players to win; he hopes the team will be ready for the regional finals Feb. 24 and 25 in Windsor.

??Trivial pursuit??
Test your knowledge

1. What player led the NHL in power play goals the last two years?

2. Name the only hockey player to score 50 goals with two teams.

3. Who was the first player chosen by the Toronto Blue Jays in the expansion draft?

4. Who won the Cy Young award as best pitcher in the American League in 1983?

5. Name the only NFL team to go undefeated during the regular season and the playoffs.

6. Who kicked the longest field goal in NFL history?

7. Who is the highest-paid player in the NBA?

8. Who won the Shenley Award as league MVP Most Outstanding Canadian Player in the CFL in 1983?

9. Which was the first expansion team to win the Stanley Cup?

10. Name the three teams to win five consecutive championships.

Answers

1. Paul Gardner, Pittsburgh Penguins
2. Pierre Larouche, Pittsburgh and Montreal
3. Bob Baltor
4. Dewey Hoyt
5. Miami Dolphins 17-0, 1972
6. Tom Dempsey, 63 yards
7. Moses Malone, Philadelphia 76ers
8. Paul Bennett, Winnipeg Blue Bombers
9. Philadelphia Flyers, 1974
10. Montreal Canadiens, Boston Celtics and New York Yankees

Honors athlete of week

Derrick Dupuis of St. Lawrence College in Kingston has been named the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association Athlete of the week on the strength of his total of six goals and two assists in two games for the St. Lawrence Vikings Tier 2 hockey team.

The 20-year-old native of Pembroke, Ont., who leads the Tier 2 league in scoring with 23 points, collected seven of his eight points when he scored five goals and added two assists in the Vikings' 12-3 romp over Brockville.

The Fanshawe Falcons Tier 1 Men's volleyball team is the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association's team of the week after going undefeated at the first regular season Tier 1 men's volleyball tournament.

One of Fanshawe's six matches won included a decision over the Sheridan Bruins, ranked Number 2 in men's volleyball in the nation.

Schedule

Men's Basketball
Thursday, Feb. 9—Niagara vs Mohawk at Niagara
Saturday, Feb. 11—Niagara vs Cambrian at Sudbury

Women's Basketball
Wednesday, Feb. 8—at George Brown in Toronto

NIAGARA

SPORTS

Knights defeat Indians for third straight win

By DON ROSS
Staff Writer

The men's hockey Knights won their third game in a row, knocking off the first place St. Bonaventure Brown Indians 6—2 at the King Street Ice Palace in Welland last Tuesday.

Three goals in a two-minute span early in the third period sealed the victory for the Knights who held the margin of play throughout the game. Niagara's Chris Barry opened the scoring at the 12:08 mark of the first period firing through a maze of players in front of the net.

After the Brown Indians scored to tie the game early in the second period, Mike Wagner restored the lead for Niagara finishing off a pretty three-way passing play as the Knights broke in three-on-two on St. Bonaventure goalie Jim Husters.

The Knights outmuscled the Brown Indians at every turn and showed they could win in the trenches as well as the scoreboard.

BOOSTS RECORD

The win boosts the Knights' record to 7—2 and moves them to within four points of first-place St. Bonaventure, a team which until last Tuesday night ruled the roost in the ICHA standings with a perfect 9—0 record.

Chris Barry's second goal of the game early in the third stanza proved to be the winning goal as he fired a rebound high over the sprawled Brown Indian goaltender.

The Knights hemmed the visitors in their own zone through much of the third period outshooting them 17—10 and 42—30 for the game. Other scorers for the Knights were Mike Wagner, with his second of the evening, Dennis Iomarino, and Jamie Corning.

GIVES CONFIDENCE

Niagara Coach Fred Bassi was very satisfied with the Knights' performance. "This will give us all kinds of confidence when we go on the road against Erie. We're not a good road team and hopefully this victory will make the players see they can beat anyone in this league," Mr. Bassi said.

Despite the Knights' improved play over the last three games they cannot get first place if they end up tied with St. Bonaventure. "They beat us earlier 9—3 and would claim first place on total goals," he said. "If we can win on the road, starting against Erie, we may have an outside shot at first place. The championships are held in Buffalo so we have to learn to win on the road."

Standouts for the Knights in the last three games were Mike Wagner, who collected seven goals and three assists, and Chris Barry who garnered five goals and two assists in the three-game span.

The Knights will next face off against Erie on Feb. 7 in Erie.

Knights' goaltender Greg Yari foils St. Bonaventure's Brad Benwock from close in during first period action. Greg stopped 28 of 30 shots as the Knights won 6-2. (Photo by Bill Potrecz)

Weekend Victories

Hockey Knights win big in U.S.

By BILL POTRECZ
Staff Writer

The last weekend in January ended on a profitable note for the hockey Knights as they defeated Niagara University 6-2 and then demolished St. John Fisher 17-2 to up their record to 6-2-0.

In their win over Niagara University, the Knights were led by Mike Wagner who potted three goals. Gary Kukoly chipped in with two goals and Al Cousineau recorded the other marker.

The game was marked by chippy play throughout as both teams took needless penalties.

"We retaliated, but I think it will help us discipline-wise in the future," coach Fred Bassi said. "Overall we played out best game of the year."

Jim Muscatello and Moe Vansice scored for Niagara University who were outshot 46-30 by the Knights.

Goaltender Kevin Williams played well in the contest and "came up big when he had to," coach Bassi said.

The defensive quartet of Jeff Read, Gary Montambault, Gary MacDonnell and Larry Vaughan played well and protected Williams throughout the game.

The next evening, the Knights had a much easier time of it as they fired 74 shots at St. John Fisher goalie Tom Marianetti to prevail 17-2.

"It was a lazy game and it's hard to get anything out of a game like that," coach Bassi said.

Gary Montambault and Chris Berry each scored three goals while Dennis Iamarino, Scott Laing and Mike Wagner scored two goals apiece. Jim Long, Dave O'Laughlin, Larry Vaughan, Andy VanOosterlout and Gary Kukoly each recorded singles.

Mr. Bassi lamented about how poorly St. John Fisher played. "That team does not belong in our league. In two games against them we have scored 39 goals on 150 shots."

The Knights made two changes for the game and both worked out well. Gary Montambault was moved to defence while Scott Laing was moved from the blue line to the forward unit.

The next few games will be a test for the Knights as Rich Bisson, Paul Labonte and Al Cousineau are all out with a variety of ailments.

"We are just going to have to go with what we have and take a chance," Mr. Bassi said.

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Latest construction technology at CSC seminar

By SUE GRECO
Staff Writer

Today's society is far from being in a state of stagnation. Industries are consistently seeking new ways to produce their products more efficiently and of better quality.

This was the message at a product and marketing seminar held by Construction Specifications Limited in Hamilton on Jan. 26, attended by 31 students and three instructors from the construction engineering technology program.

Twenty-eight of the 31 students attending the seminar at Robert's Restaurant were members of the Niagara College Construction Club which paid for the $9 tickets.

TCG Materials Limited, a concrete block manufacturer in Burlington, discussed a new and better way of curing concrete block, the bubble cure system, and a new type of block, the "A" block.

Recently, TCG installed multi-million dollar facilities and the latest curing equipment with co-operation and assistance from the Canada/Ontario Conservation and Renewable Energy Demonstration Program to produce a better quality of concrete block.

Before the installation of their new curing and handling equipment, they produced block in a way that had changed little since the 1950s. Their autoclave (petrotherm) system was one of the earliest such systems installed in North America.

Problems

The autoclave system was a high consumer of energy and an increasingly expensive and wasteful method of operation.

Dave Sterrett, TCG sales manager, said the system "needed restitution or replacement."

He said their former handling system was multi-staged and only partially automated and the concrete block, once formed, was subjected to a multi-step process of lifts, pushes, movements, and placements as it moved through the curing cycle to its final resting place on a pallet for shipment.

As the system of de-palleters, steel racks and forklifts aged, the severity of shocks and impacts increased. The autoclave curing system tended to produce a more brittle block than other curing methods.

Other problems in the system included: difficulty in maintaining color consistency; silica flour, which was previously mixed with cement powder, was a potential health hazard and the working environment had to be frequently monitored and tested; and the autoclave, a highly pressurized vessel, required frequent inspection and maintenance to eliminate potential explosive ruptures.

The new bubble cure system is done in one step. The fully enclosed bubble cure kiln is automatically loaded from conveyor belts, one shelf at a time, through installed Pidgeon Hole doors. Each block is in the kiln within two minutes of being formed. Complete automation eliminates unnecessary handling.

Constant, even humidity and temperature is maintained in the kiln and every block receives the same curing condition through to completion, producing color consistency.

Installation of the system enabled TCG to improve safety conditions in the workplace and reduce environmental concerns in the community.

Energy saved

Energy is saved with up to 90 per cent reduction in fuel costs and with a significant decrease in airborne pollutants. Workers are also benefitted due to the tremendous improvement in safety and working conditions.

The designer of the "A" block was not present to speak about his design; therefore, Mr. Sterrett discussed it.

He said construction in Seismic Zone Two, an earthquake zone running from Burlington, Hamilton, Grimsby, down into the peninsula, requires high standards of construction and reinforcement.

When the "A" block is used in reinforced masonry walls, time, material and labor are saved.

Gordon Goulty, teaching master for the construction engineering program, said Construction Specifications Limited is one of the most profitable and influential associations in the construction agencies today.

He said the Hamilton Branch Construction Specification Canada (CSC) is responsible for the standardization and cataloguing index of all of the construction manufacturing companies' literature.

He said they also take the leading role in the revision and application of all the construction contract documents throughout the entire construction agency.

"One of the greatest contributions CSC is making is the arrangement of educational seminars, such as this one, in every chapter throughout Canada."

"These seminars ensure that the Canadian construction industry is always well informed with the latest developments in materials, methods and techniques within the industry."

Hans Miethig, co-ordinator for the construction engineering program, heard about the seminar and suggested the possibility of attending to the college's construction club.

Students from the construction engineering technology program observe concrete blocks that were on display at a Construction Specification Canada seminar in Hamilton on Jan. 26. From left, Miro Corak, holding an architectural block; Dave Sterrett, sales representative for TCG, and Barry Horne, holding the new "A" block. (Photo by Sue Greco)

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Bring Changes

In applied arts, one of the few areas being considered for possible expansion is the Law and Security program, which already has one of the lowest placement records for 1983 graduates.

CATCH 22

I.J. Giancarlo, dean of applied arts, said the college is "being forced to respond to a Catch 22 situation" under present funding structures.

"If we accept more students, there aren't jobs available, and if we don't accept more students, we won't be able to offer anyone an education because the dollars won't be there."

Dr. Anthony Knowles, dean of technology, agreed, saying the college "finds itself between a rock and a hard place" on the enrolment issue.

He said the economic downturn has affected all technology programs. The one most looked at in terms of expansion will probably be the electronics technician two-year program. Eight of 11 graduates in that program were placed last year.

Hans van der Slagt, dean of business, said his area has not made any decision yet, but will be "keeping an eye open" as it decides which programs to expand.

"From my point of view, I won't be oblivious to placement opportunities," Mr. van der Slagt said.

"I would hesitate to add a section to an area like computer programming, where job placement is poor."

Mr. van der Slagt said the school of business is fortunate to have more flexibility than other schools.

Fred Habermehl, dean of health sciences, said the new policy will not affect that area because most health sciences programs have strict quotas set by the ministry.

Mr. McPherson stressed the changes will also affect high school and college level counselling staff, who now have "a moral and ethical responsibility" to make certain students are aware of job opportunities in their fields before registering.

"Certainly now, more than ever, students must be caustioned to go into a program with their eyes wide open," Mr. McPherson said.

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